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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

În re Application of

Hidehei Kageyama et al.

Serial No.:

10/026,467

Group Art Unit:

3751

Filed:

December 27, 2001

Examiner:

Prunner, Kathleen

For:

COMPOSITE HOLDING DEVICE

Honorable Commissioner of Patents

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Alexandria, VA 22313 - 1450

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 11, 2003, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

DO NOT ENTER

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1 and 4-20 are all the claims presently pending in the application. Claims 1, 6, 11, 14, and 16-20 are amended to more clearly define the invention and claims 2-3 are canceled. Claims 1, 6, 11, 14, and 16-20 are independent.

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EXCESS CLAIM FEE PAYMENT LETTER

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.

	AFTER AMENDMENT	PREV. PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	FEE DUE
Total Claims	20 -	20	= 0	x \$18.00	\$ 0.00
Indep. Claims	9 -	3	= 6	x \$84.00	\$ 504.00

TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT

\$ 504.00

A check in the amount of \$504.00 to cover the excess claim fees is attached hereto. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully Submitted,

Date: 19/14/03

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